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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Cyprus Situation
(As of 5:00 PM EST)

1. The situation continues to be tense but no new shooting incidents have been reported from the island. Greek and Turkish troops remain in a high state of alert and troop movements are still taking place in both countries. In both Ankara and Athens, as well as Nicosia, there seems to be a split between the "hawks" and the "doves."

2. Cypriot police patrols entered the disputed Turkish Cypriot area twice today apparently without the knowledge or permission of either Archbishop Makarios or the Cypriot Minister of Interior Georkatzis. Makarios had "unequivocally" promised both the Greek and the American Ambassadors that no new patrols would be sent into the area for the time being and he was said to be "furious" when he heard of the patrol's action. The responsibility for this incident has not yet been fixed.

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4. General Grivas apparently is leaving for Athens on 19 November, and there are press reports that he has been

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relieved of his command. Officially, he is going to Athens for consultation. [redacted]

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5. The Turkish government is under heavy pressure to take some action and is facing the threat of new demonstrations by Turkish students who would probably attack American and Greek installations. [redacted]

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The Cyprus Situation
(As of 12:30 PM EST)

1. The situation remains highly volatile. Two firing incidents occurred in Nicosia today, and both the Turkish and Greek government are preparing for possible overt military action. Both sides are in a state of high emotion, and there is some possibility that either one might launch a surprise attack on the other.

2. Nicosia radio charges that Turkish Cypriot terrorists carried out "serious provocations" in opening fire at two points on the Green Line in Nicosia this morning. Three Greeks were reported wounded in the exchanges, one of them seriously.

3. At least five Turkish F-84 fighter aircraft overflew Nicosia earlier today, apparently on reconnaissance missions. The Greek Cypriot radio claims Turkish planes have "violated Cyprus air space" five times so far today.

4. In Turkey, military preparations continue apace. The U.S. Defense attache reports there have been heavy troop movements toward the southern coast opposite Cyprus. One convoy was "at least five miles long." There also is increased military activity in the Ankara area. Anti-aircraft guns have been dispersed around the capital.

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7. Grivas' present whereabouts as yet are unclear. A UPI report from Athens quotes "informed sources" as saying he arrived there at noon Athen's time and was whisked to an unknown destination. Earlier, however, Ambassador Belcher in Nicosia reported that Grivas did not leave on the morning plane and was expected instead to depart tomorrow.

8. It is now reasonably clear that the Turkish military have been given authority to act without further political consultation if they should decide the situation required it.

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